



Winnipeg Beach School

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Newsletter

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STAFFING 2011-2012

We are excited to welcome three new teachers to our WBS teaching staff this fall:

Kindergarten will be taught by STEPHANIE STOUFFER; Stephanie is currently on a term contract teaching grade 1 at Sigurbjorg Stefansson School. She did her student teaching here at WBS and in Winnipeg. Stephanie has also accepted a Kindergarten term position at Sigurbjorg Stefansson School. Their Kindergarten runs opposite days to ours.

Grade One will be taught by ANDREA CRANSTON; Andrea is currently teaching Grade 1 - 2 in Ashern and has taught there for the last three years. Part of her assignment there included being a Learning Support Teacher where she had the opportunity to work in a variety of classrooms. She is interested in Early Literacy learning and Technology. She comes from the Kenora area originally and will be relocating to this area.

Grade 5 - 6 will be taught by KELLY CROY; Kelly is currently teaching Grade 7 in Riverton on a term contract and the year before she had a term position at George Johnson. She comes from the Clandeboye area.



Our teaching staff for next year:

Kindergarten:	Ms. S. Stouffer
Grade 1:	Ms. A. Cranston
Grade 2-3:	Mrs. C. Antonio
Grade 3-4:	Mrs. P. Campbell
Grade 5-6:	Mr. J. Gibson
Grade 5-6:	Mrs. K. Croy
Grade 7:	Ms. D. Hunter
Physical Education:	Ms. P. McDevitt
Music/Band:	Mrs. J. Arnason
Student Services:	Mrs. A. Berthaudin (Resource)
	Ms. D. Hunter (Counsellor)
Administration:	Mrs. S. Rudd



GALLERY OF LEARNING

All Winnipeg Beach School families are invited to attend:

The Gallery of Learning

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars.

You will have an opportunity to visit all our classrooms and get a “glimpse” into all the wonderful student learning that happens throughout the school. Further information will be sent home at a later date.



SMILE, YOU'RE ON CAMERA – NOT!

Just a reminder to all WBS students and families that electronic devices (specifically cell phones and cameras) **are not to be used at school by students for any reason without prior permission from their teacher.** This includes class time, recess, before and after school and special events. This is a privacy issue and is in line with the ESD's policy on Electronic Devices. Failure to follow this policy can result in devices being confiscated. Thank you for your understanding.



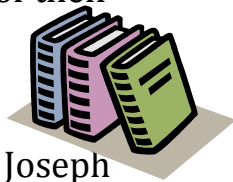
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you for your support of our recent Book Fair. Based on book sales we earned over \$900 worth of books for the library!!

Contest Winners were:

Kgtn. Colour the Flowers: Owen
Gr. 1 Giant Apple Maze: Ashton
Gr. 2 Favourite Spring Thing: Tyler
Gr. 3 Plant Posers: Eric
Gr. 4 Spring Sudoku: Jayda
Gr. 5 Spring Scramble: Brendan
Gr. 6 Weed Out the Words: Dylan
Gr. 7 Spring Crossword: Bailey

These students have won a poster of their choice.



Other winners were:

Win a Book: Zac & Tailor (Kgtn.), Joseph & Kaitlin (Gr. 4), Shelby (Gr. 5) and Gwyneth (Gr. 7).

Family Draw: Brittany (Gr. 1). \$25 in books for herself and \$25 in books for her classroom.

Basket Draw – Over \$100 worth of goodies: Niki (Kgtn.)

BALANCED SCHOOL DAY

Winnipeg Beach School and Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School are planning on moving to the Balanced School Day (BSD) structure this fall. Two schools in our division currently follow this structure.

The BSD structure divides the school day into 3 equal blocks of 100 minutes divided by two nutrition / activity blocks. There are over 100 schools now doing it in Manitoba!



The following are the top reasons why so many schools are moving in this direction:

- **Balanced nutrition:** students have 2 times each day to eat foods that will better help them concentrate and learn more effectively (*smaller meals spread regularly throughout the day have been proven to be a healthier way of eating.*)
- **Physical activity:** students have 2 longer physical activity breaks; students have opportunities for extra – curricular activities in 2 time slots (*With 15 minute recesses far too much time was taken up with dressing and undressing (especially in winter), taking bathroom breaks, etc. with very little time left for play!*)
- **Increased learning time:** with only 2 breaks, the amount of time taken up entering and exiting the classroom is decreased and the time for learning is increased (*It takes a long time to get 20 Grade 1's dressed and lined up, all wearing their own mitts and scarves!*)
- **Better learning blocks:** a student's school day can be "chopped up" by

music, gym, library, lunch, recess, etc. By eliminating one break it allows for longer learning blocks without interruption. These longer blocks also provide teachers with increased flexibility to continue lessons into the next block if needed / desired (*So if the paper mache lesson needs more time, you've got it!*).



LIBRARY UPDATE

Courtesy of the Evergreen School Division's Capital Budget we will be updating our library with a library reception desk and storage cupboards. Watch for these exciting changes in June.



THANK YOUS

- To Doris Gordon for donating scarves and mittens for student use next winter.
- To Cheryl Cohan for her help with Girls' Club.
- To April's Fun Lunch volunteers.
- To Del and Drake Green and their mom for helping out at the Book Fair.
- To Haleigh Halipchuk for donating Book Fair books to her Grade 6 classroom.
- To all the teachers and EAs for their hard work in preparing for Festival.
- To Ms. McDevitt for organizing the staff wellness event this month.
- To Jay Adams for being our wellness guest.
- To all our staff and students for their help in cleaning up the school yard for Earth Day.

- To the Grade 6 girls that organized some of our Earth Day related activities (lights off).
- To all the students for doing such a great job at Student Involved Conferences.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MOORE

Congratulations to Mr. Moore for receiving the prestigious Volunteer Manitoba Award for Outstanding Community Leadership. Mr. Moore has served his community by volunteering with the curling league for Grades 3 to 12, organizing baseball programs, providing support to help found and build the Winnipeg Beach Recreation Centre as well as many other projects. Mr. Moore has also been dedicated to the Evergreen Festival of the Arts for the past 31 years. Mr. Moore is to be commended for his many years of dedicated service to the Winnipeg Beach area. He has also been nominated for the Interlake Municipal recreation Association Award. Way to go Mr. Moore!



FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Congratulations to all our students for their efforts over the last few weeks at Festival. We were impressed with their talent, enthusiasm and behavior throughout the performances.

A special “yahoo” to the Grade 5 Orff group, Gwyn Richardson (speech) and the Grade 2/3 Dance group for winning trophies in their categories. They will all perform at the Hi-lites Concert on May 9. Well done!

SPRING FLING

Our annual Spring Fling where students showcase some of their performances from the Festival of the Arts will be held on

Wednesday, May 25, 2011
1:30 pm. to 2:30 pm.
Winnipeg Beach School
This is a change in date.



In conjunction with the Spring Fling we will also be holding a Silent Auction. Each class will prepare a theme based basket made up of donations from parents and the community. More information will follow. Thank you for your anticipated support.

BIKE RODEO (Grades 1 - 4)

On Tuesday, June 2 MPIC will be bringing their bike safety/bike rodeo program to Winnipeg Beach School.

All students in Grades 1 - 4 should try to have a bike here for that afternoon. Bikes can be dropped off in the morning and picked up in the evening (don't forget a lock).



SPECIAL ACTIVITY GROUPS

On **Tuesday, May 10 and Friday, June 3** all students in Kindergarten to Grade 7 will have the opportunity to “play” in multi-age groups at an activity of their choice. Students have signed up for activities such as soccer, drama, scavenger hunt, cooking, crafts, math, etc. We look forward to two very busy afternoons.



MICHAEL MANYEAGLES

On Wednesday, May 11 as part of our Aboriginal Grant we are able to host artist Michael ManyEagles. He will be doing soapstone carving with the Grades 1 - 5 students.

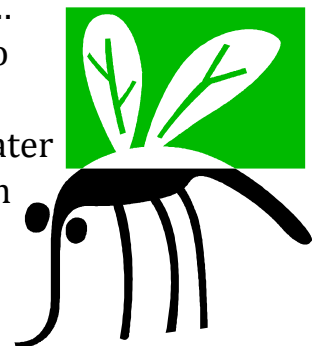
AARON BURNETT WORKSHOP AND CONCERT

On Tuesday, May 31, courtesy of our Student Engagement Grant, children's entertainer Aaron Burnett will be here to perform for our Kindergarten to Grade 4 students.

He will be doing a workshop with 10 students from 9:40 - 10:25 followed by the concert **10:45 to 11:45**. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to attend.

If you have an opportunity, check out his website and his current CD's. He will be sharing songs such as...

- Maggie Mosquito
- Buffalo Run
- Purple People Eater
- Get Off the Couch



RETIREMENTS

As most of you are aware Mr. Moore and Ms. Komar will be retiring at the end of this school year. We will be celebrating with them at a school assembly...

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

1:30 - 2:30 pm.

School Gym

Please plan on joining us.

KINDERGARTEN HERE I COME

If you know of any families with children who will be four before December 31, 2011, please be sure they know that they can register for Kindergarten Here I Come for the 2011-2012 school year. KHIC will run every second day (mornings only) starting the week of September 19 and ending in June.



KINDERGARTEN

If you know of any families with children who will be five before December 31, 2011, please be sure they know that they can register for Kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year. Kindergarten runs every second day (full days) starting the week of September 6th.



KINDERGARTEN DAY CHANGES

Kindergarten students are asked to attend on **Tuesday, May 3** *instead of* Wednesday, May 4 and **Tuesday, May 31** *instead of* Wednesday, June 1. Thank you for your understanding.

SPLISH SPLASH

Just a reminder that puddles and children often go together ending up in soggy socks and wet pants. If you don't want your child sitting around in wet clothing

please send extras (and yes, we do remind them on a regular basis to stay out of the puddles).



News from Around the School



NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN

As the warm weather slowly starts to stay, it is hard to believe we have only two months left of Kindergarten! This month we will be busy participating in our gardening project and preparing something nice to share with "Moms." We are excited to be participating on May 3rd in The Festival of the Arts. We will be celebrating the themes of Mother's Day, Gardening, Robert Munsch, and On the Farm.

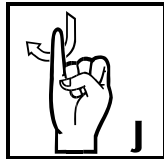
Enjoy the warmer weather...



NEWS FROM GRADE 1 - 2

As we enter the month of May, our thoughts turn to outdoor activities and the rejuvenation of the earth. Our class is fortunate to have the mentorship of Cheryl Cohan and Brian Richardson who will work with us on a special garden project called "The Three Sisters". Students will learn how three plants - squash, beans and corn grow and support each other as a community. Cheryl will have the students planting seeds and incorporating art work. Brian will bring in the element of drama, song and dance related to this topic. Our class will have three sessions in May and one in June. We look forward to getting some dirt

under our fingernails and learning about balance on nature.



NEWS FROM GRADE 2 - 3

The grade 2-3 class spent many hours learning and practicing their dance for the Festival of The Arts. They did an amazing job with their performance in Gimli and I want to thank all the parents who were able to come out and watch.

We have a special guest visiting our class over the next few weeks. His name is Gordon Wiebe and he is deaf. He is teaching our class basic sign language. Students are learning the alphabet, how to finger spell their name as well as many other signs. The students have been very enthusiastic about learning how to sign. Gordon will be visiting us once a week until the end of May.



NEWS FROM GRADE 4

April has been a busy month for Grade Four Students. After returning from a restful Spring Break, students diligently worked on organizing their portfolios for Student Included Conferences. It was nice to see that all families were able to attend this important sharing time with their child.

This month, students have been extremely excited about their ArtsSmarts sessions. They have been learning about light reflection, how rainbows are formed and also how to sketch portraits. Their present art task is to draw a sketch of ROY G BIV. The sketches are very interesting and are sure to be colorful when completed.

In Math, students have been learning different strategies to help with understanding of 2 digit by 1 digit multiplication. All students need to continue practicing basic facts daily to assist with recall.

Throughout the month, students have practiced often for the Evergreen Festival of the Arts entries. Dance and Orff performances were amazing! Congratulations to all students who have worked so hard. I was also very proud of the students who took the time to learn an individual or group poem for the speech component of the festival.



NEWS FROM GRADE 5

The Grade 5's have said goodbye to their wonderful student teacher Ms. Warcimaga. She was here for five weeks in the fall and for seven weeks in the spring with her last day on April 21st. She did many wonderful lessons with the class and she'll make an excellent teacher when she graduates from university next year. With Ms. Warcimaga being gone, we are now resuming our regular spelling program with unit corrections and tests on Fridays.

We performed our class Speech Choir at the Festival of the Arts and each student also did a solo spoken poetry, with a few students doing a duet as well. Mrs. Arnason put in a lot of hard work with the grade 5's in preparing their Orff piece which was performed on April 29th in Riverton. Ms. McDevitt also put in a lot of hard work with the grade 5's in preparing a German folk dance which they

performed in Gimli on April 28th. All performances went well and I know the students really enjoyed taking part in all their festival activities and have benefitted greatly in doing so. It's wonderful that we've got such a dedicated staff and administration that takes the time and allows us to enter so many different areas within Evergreen's Festival of the Arts.



NEWS FROM GRADE 6

April has been, busy, busy, busy in our classroom, with Student Led Conferences and our All Stars program event, which revealed the many unique talents, interests and abilities that exist in every student! We continue to work closely with our Kindergarten Buddies, sharing interest surveys, reading and computer games. A group of boys has begun a Composting Program, and we're trying to utilize it every day. We all have been feverishly rehearsing and practicing duets and individual Speech poems, band selections and Dance numbers. The Festival performances were polished and memorable.

Our Builders' Club & Girls' Club continue to meet and use the time to strengthen our awareness of others, and how we can develop our own potential to the fullest! We look ahead to (hopefully) Spring, with Flight (our new Science Unit), Divisional Track meet, our Field Trip in late May, and our Gardening projects with Ms. Cohan. Every day brings new & varied possibilities in Gr. 6!



NEWS FROM GRADE 7

April has been a busy month for Grade 7 students. After a lot of in-class practice, students performed in both Band and Speech during the annual Evergreen Festival of the Arts. They performed very well and received fine comments from the Band adjudicator for their group performance as a band and from the Speech adjudicator for their individual performance of the poem each had selected.

A special congratulations to Gwyn Richardson who not only won her Spoken Poetry class but also was selected as the winner of the Arborg 4-H Rockers plaque for Best Performance in Individual Speech for Grade 5 and up. Gwyn will be participating in the Festival's Trophy Class on Wednesday, May 4 and in the Hi-Lites Concert at Gimli High School on May 9.

Students enjoyed showing their electronic portfolios to parents during our recently held Student Involved Conferences. Each student's electronic portfolio was projected onto our class's SMARTBoard as part of the conference time, adding yet another dimension to the interview.

Plans are presently being finalized for the Grade 7 annual overnight trip to Winnipeg on June 15 and 16. There will be more information in our next newsletter!



NEWS FROM THE GYM



I would like to thank all the students who performed so well at the dance category at the Festival of the Arts. We had lots of fun practicing and we enjoyed participating and watching the dance performances in Gimli.

Divisional badminton will take place in Gimli on Friday, May 6th for Grade 7 students.

May is here and so is the snow! Weather permitting, K-4 students will be starting soccer outside. Middle years students will be training for their track and field events.

The divisional track and field date for Grade 5-7 is scheduled for June 6th in Arborg. A rain date is scheduled for June 7th. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so that we can train outside.

May Lunch Activities Schedule

DAY 1	Gr. 1-2	Scoops and Hoops
DAY 2	Gr. 2-3	Floor Hockey
DAY 3	Gr. K-4	Yoga
DAY 4	Gr. 4-5 Boys	Games
DAY 5	Gr. 4-7 Girls	Dance/Cheer
DAY 6	Gr. 6-7 Boys	Basketball/Hockey



News from Parent Council

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The next PAC meeting is the:
Annual General Meeting
May 17, 2011
6:00 p.m.
school library

All parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SPRING IN FULL BLOOM

Parent Council would like to send a thank you to all families that recently participated in our Spring in Full Bloom fundraiser. We hope planting weather is around the corner!



News from the Community

LEGION ATHLETIC CAMP

An athletic camp is available through the Legion for students entering Grade 6 through 12. 11 different sports are available. Registration forms are available at the school office.



SPEND YOUR SUMMER AT OAK HAMMOCK MARSH!

Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre is offering weeklong camps in July and August. Camp is for children ages 5 to 13 and is filled with fun indoor and outdoor themed activities including scavenger hunts, canoe adventures, outdoor cooking and nature crafts. For more information on daily themes or to register a camper visit: <http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca>, or call (204) 467-3300.



BEAVER CREEK BIBLE CAMP

Beaver Creek Bible Camp is currently accepting registration for the 2011 Camp year for students entering Grades 3 through 12. More information is available at the school office.



MAY AT WINNIPEG BEACH SCHOOL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5 	6 K – Gr. 4 Oak Hammock Marsh Field Trip Divisional Badminton (Gr. 6/7)
9 Festival of the Arts Hi-Lites Concert Gimli High School 7 p.m.	10 Special Activity Groups	11 Michael ManyEagles Workshop (Gr.1 – 5)	12 Manitoba Baseball Clinic (K – 7) 	13 Power to Choose Workshop – Gr. 6
16 Early Dismissal 1:45 p.m. 	17 PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.	18 Fun Lunch 	19	20
23 No School	24 Girls' Club Windup (Gr. 6 -7 Girls)	25 Spring Fling Concert 1:30 p.m. 	26 Aviation Museum Field Trip (Gr. 6) 	27 ArtsSmarts Celebration a.m. (Gr. 4 and 6) 
30 No School School Planning Day	31 Aaron Burnett Concert 10:45 a.m. 			